Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening inherited genetic disorder that causes children and adults to suffer a cascade of life-altering symptoms such as pain, decreased ability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, unexplained fevers, chronic gastrointestinal upset, chronic fatigue, anxiety, and depression; and,

Whereas, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that causes insufficient breakdown of lipids. Lipids build up to harmful levels in the body causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and,

Whereas, There is an approved treatment for Fabry disease that must reach people who know they have Fabry disease as well as thousands of people who have not yet been recognized and diagnosed. Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed. Increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition; and,

Whereas, The current most commonly used estimate of classic Fabry disease incidence is about 1 in 50,000 males. Because of its x-chromosome inheritance pattern, twice as many females are potentially affected but with a random, more varied distribution of symptoms. Recent studies suggest there are likely to be many times more people with Fabry disease than current estimates of classic disease indicate; and,

Whereas, Life-saving treatment is available, and disease education and awareness is critical to enable people with Fabry disease to live better and longer lives:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State